

What Are Designated Supports?

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What Are Designated Supports? Decisions Informed adults make decisions about these designated supports. Ideally, the decisions are made by educators familiar with the student's needs, as well as those supports that the student has been using during instruction and for other assessments. Student and parent/guardian participation in the decision, particularly for older students, is also recommended.



What Are Accommodations?

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Accommodations are changes in procedures or materials that increase equitable access during the Smarter Balanced assessments. Assessment accommodations generate valid assessment results for students who need them; they allow these students to show what they know and can do.

Smarter Balanced states have identified accommodations for students for whom there is a documented need for the accommodation(s) on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 accommodation plan or special circumstance, such as the example of the broken arm.



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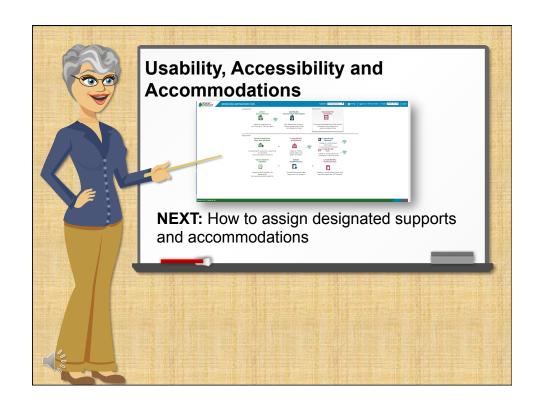
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Accommodations Continued

IEP teams, educators, and parents/guardians make decisions about accommodations. These teams (or educators for 504 plans) provide evidence of the need for accommodations and ensure that they are noted on the IEP or 504 plan. School staff are responsible for ensuring that information from the IEP is entered into ART or your state's registration system, so that all embedded accommodations can be activated prior to testing.

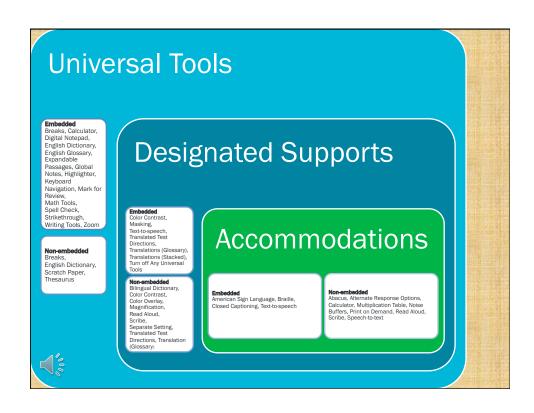
Smarter Balanced suggests the use of ISAAP or tool similar to ISAAP when making decisions. However, the ISAAP tool is not a replacement for an IEP/504 plan.





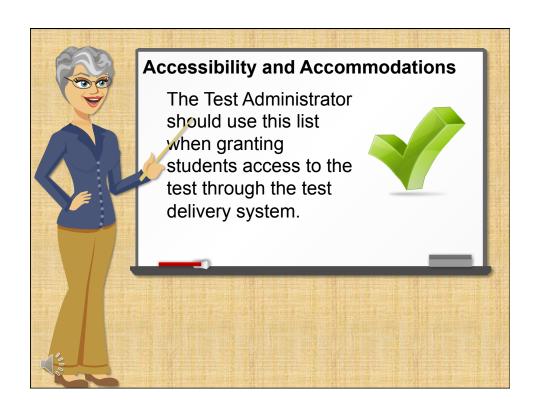








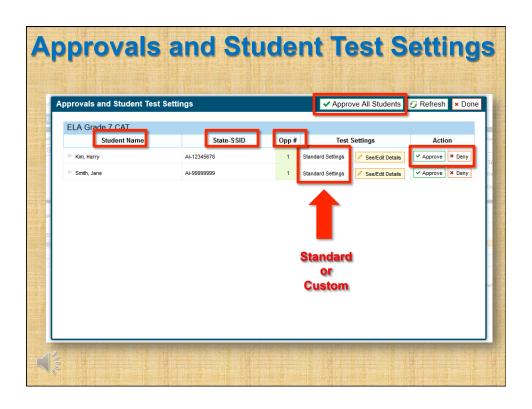


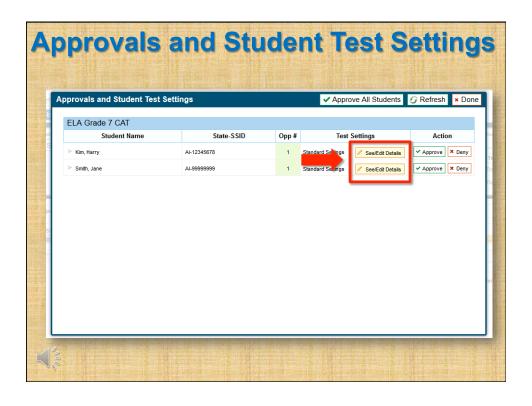


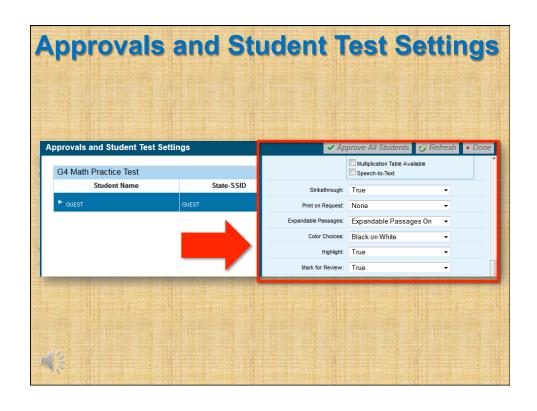




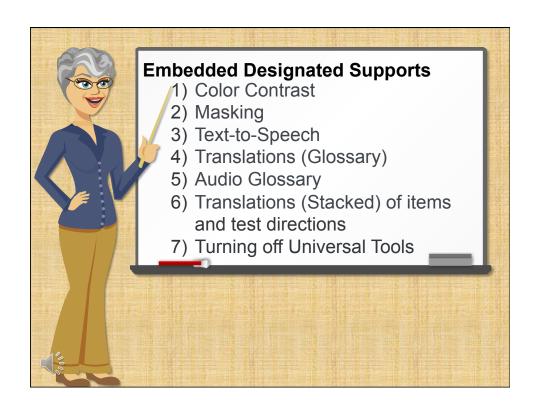
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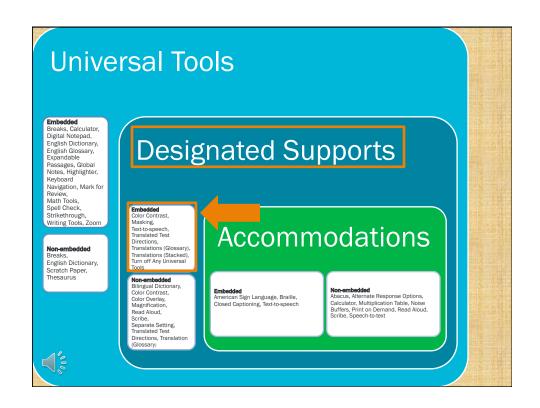






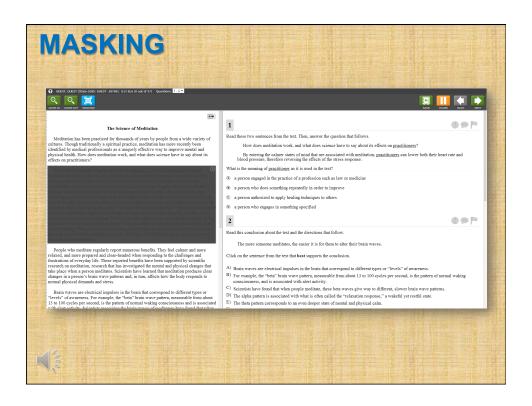


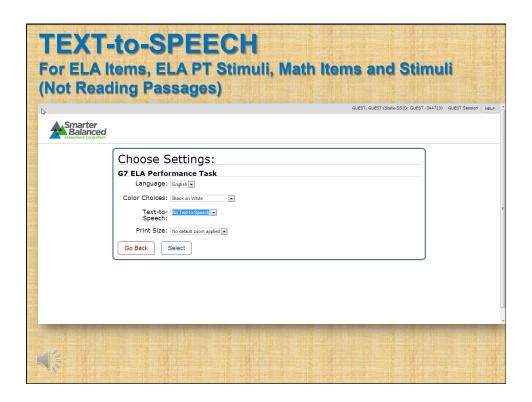


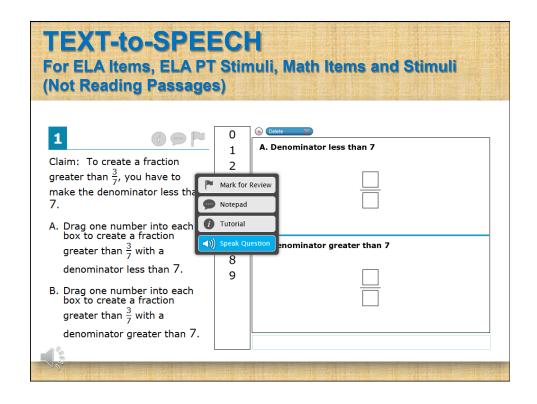


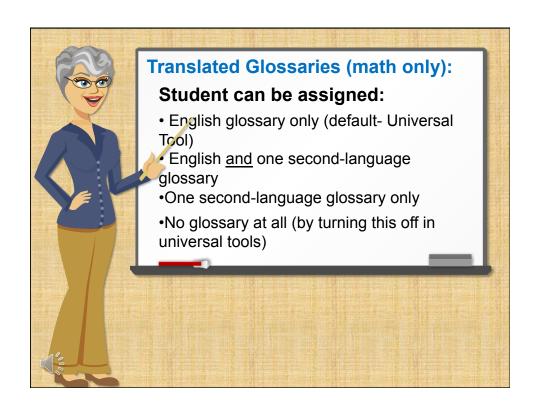


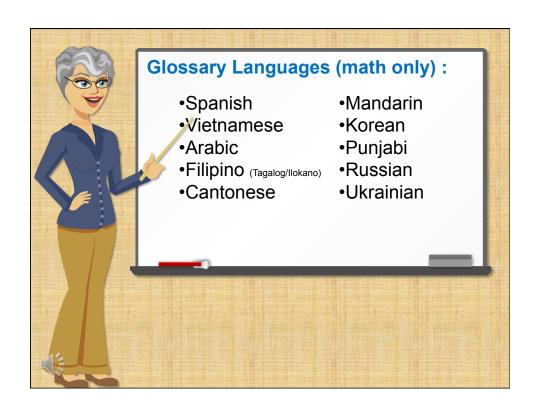


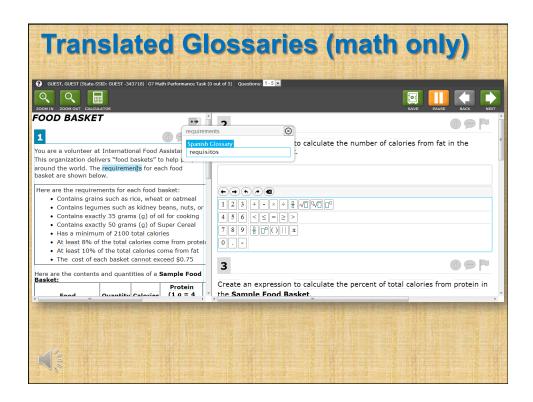


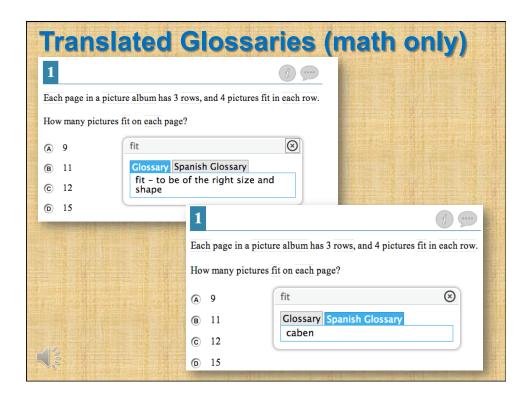


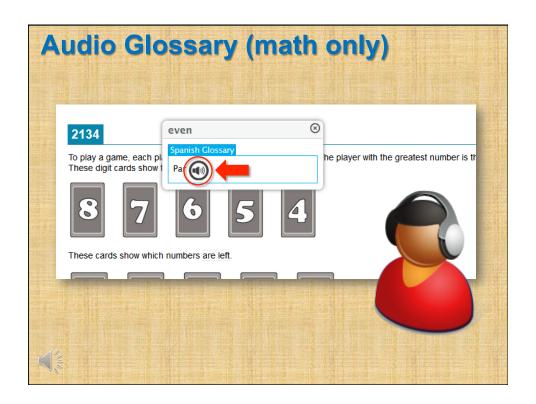


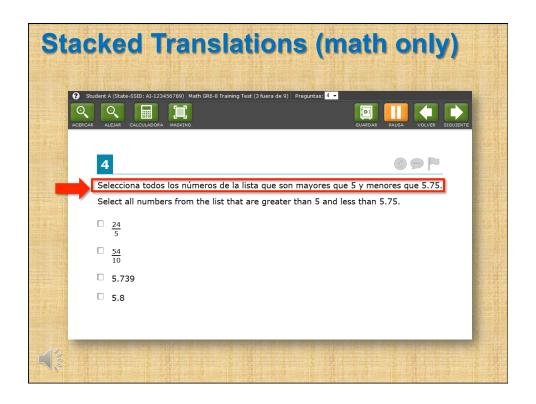




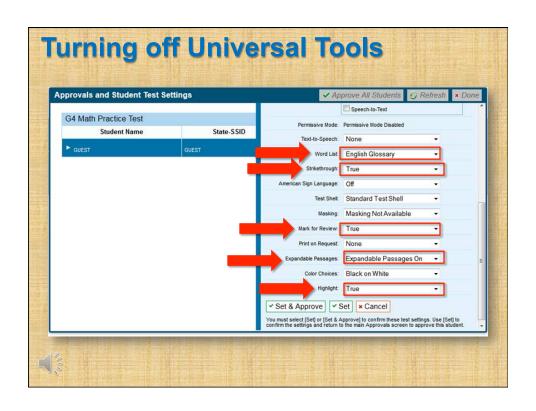


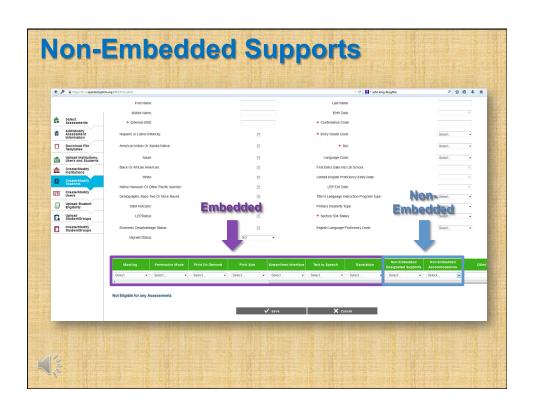




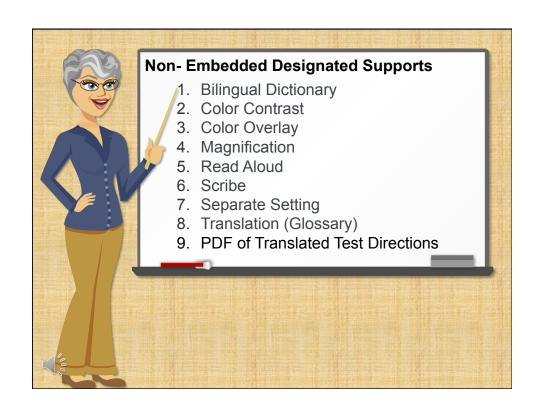




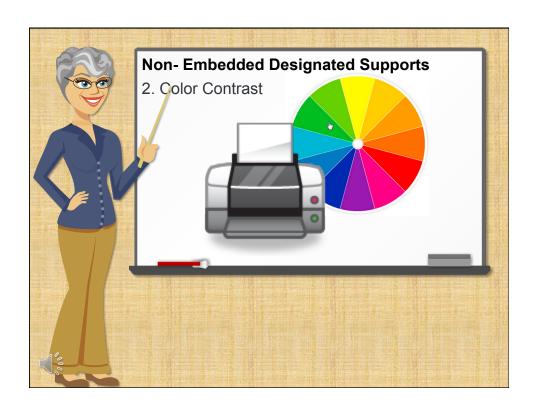


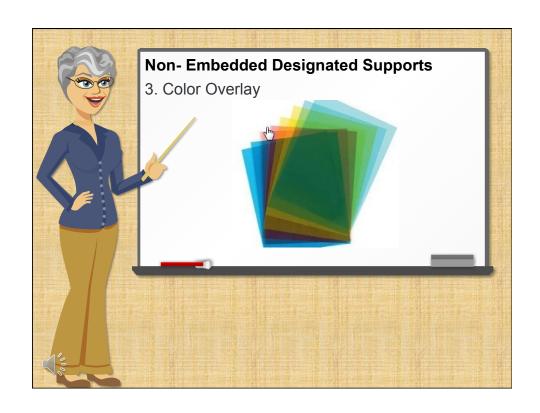


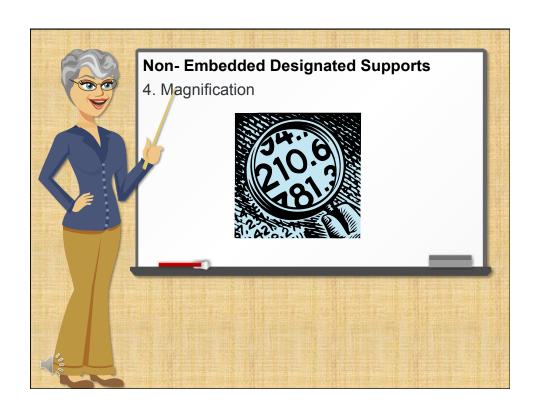
Non-Embedded Designated Supports

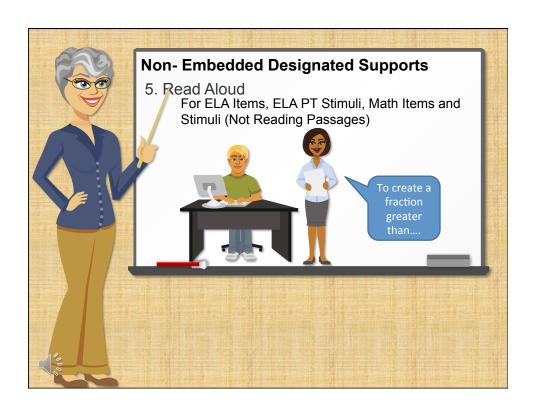


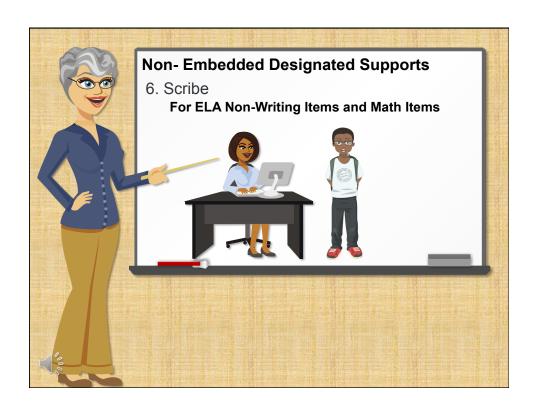


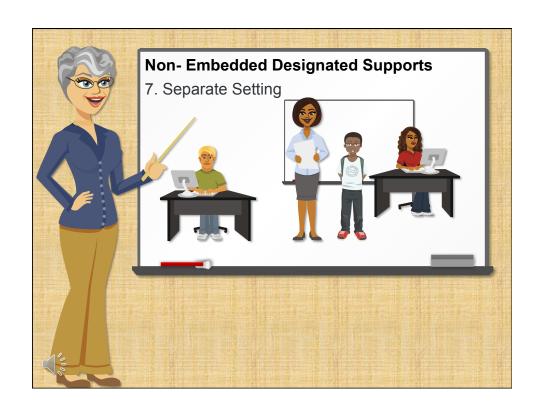


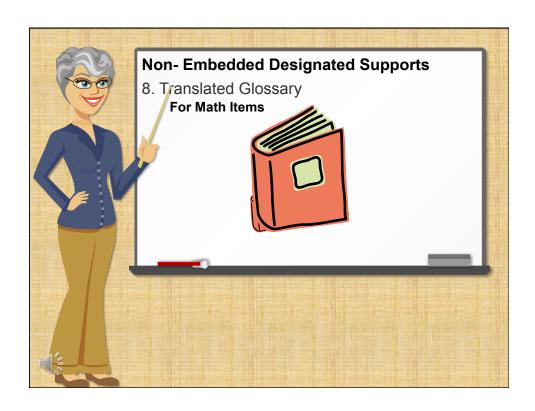


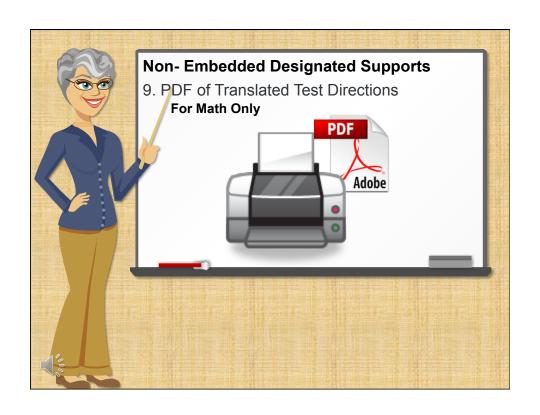






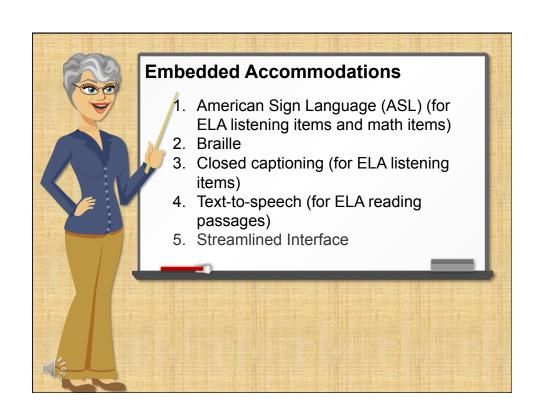


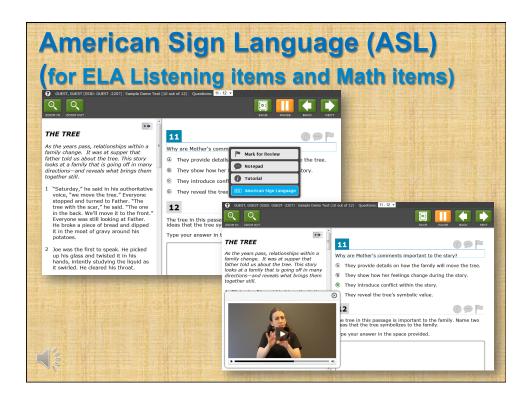


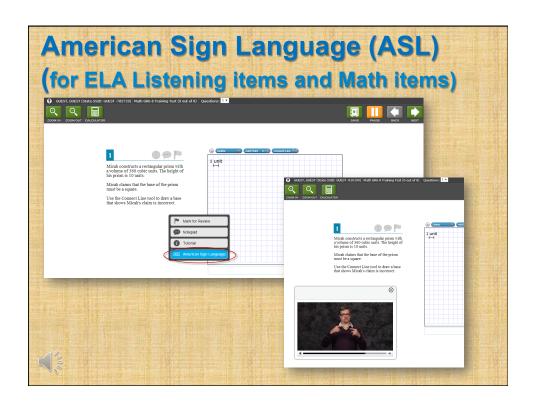




Embedded Accommodations

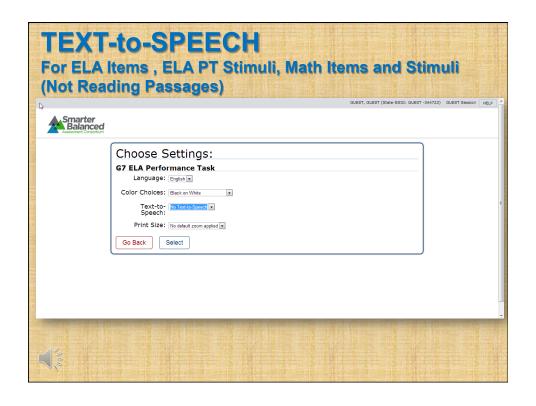


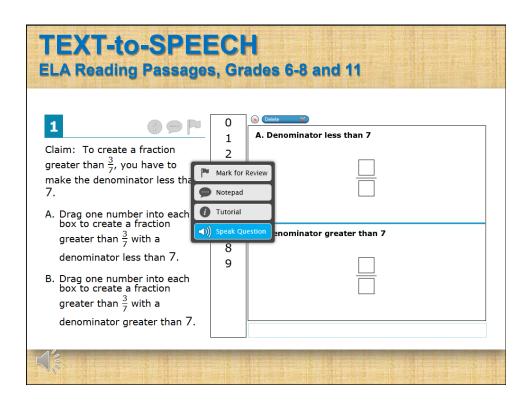










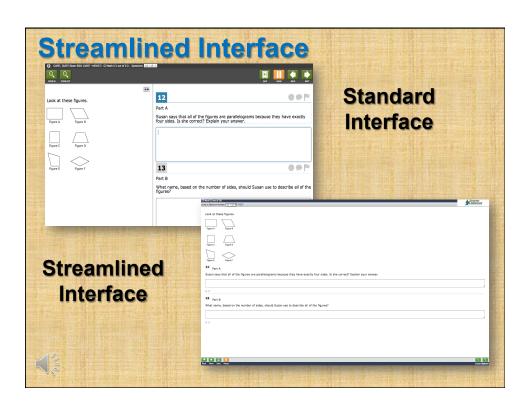


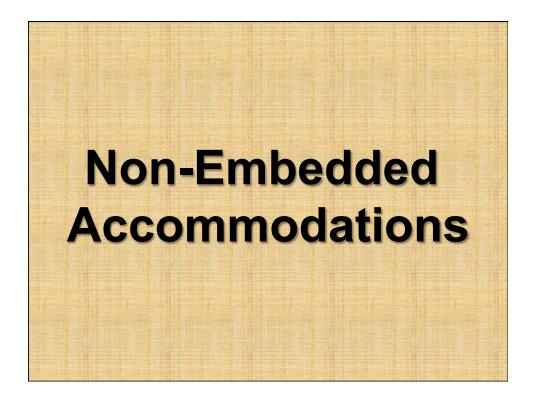
TEXT-to-SPEECH

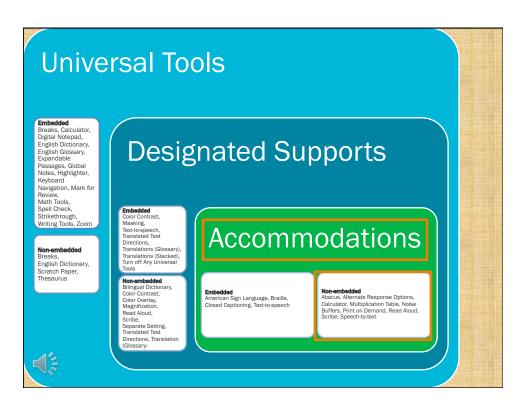
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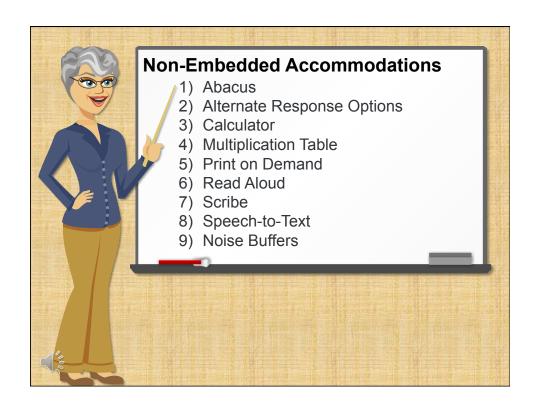
- For students in grades 3 5, text-to-speech is not an allowed accommodation for ELA reading passages as it would compromise the construct being measured. However, students can use this feature as a designated support for math items and stimuli, and ELA items and stimuli
- Students in grades 6-8 and 11 may have text-tospeech for ELA reading passages as an accommodation for students whose need is documented in an IEP or 504 plan

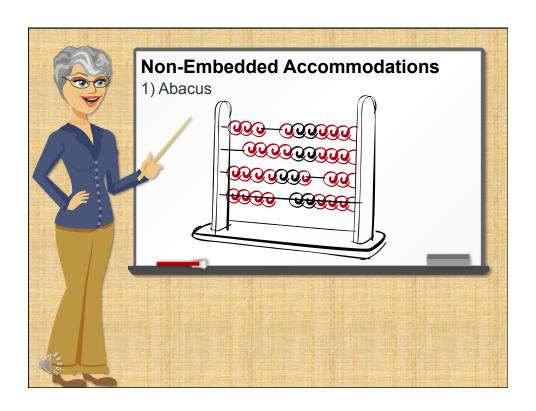


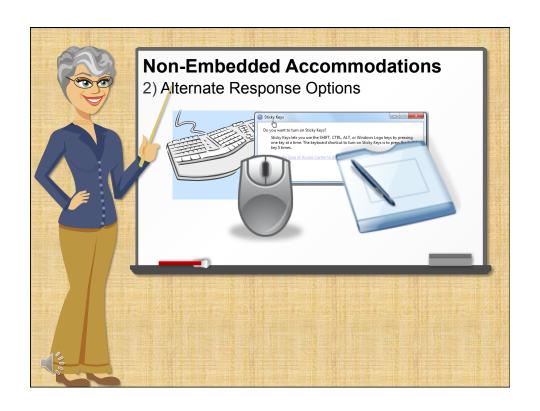


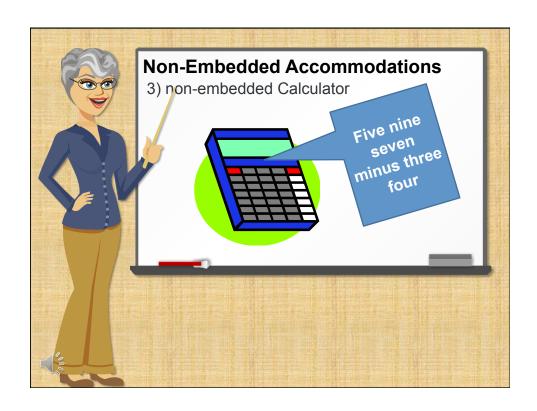


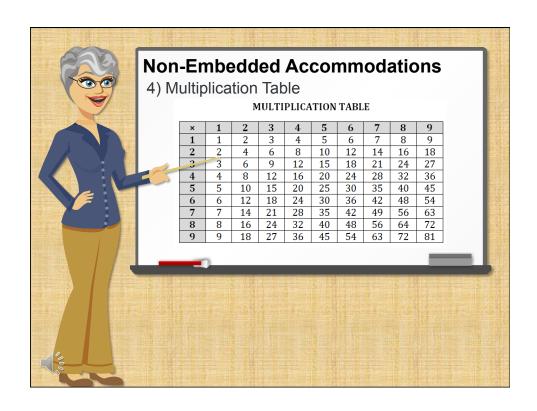


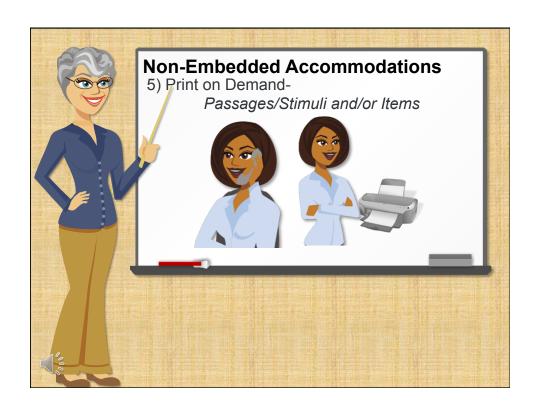


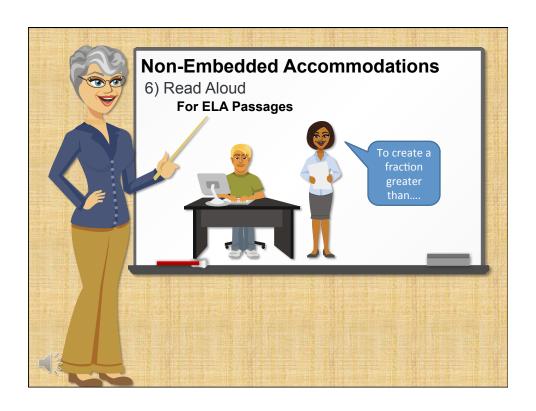


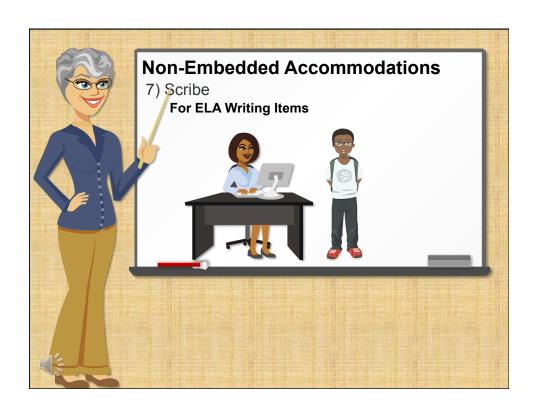


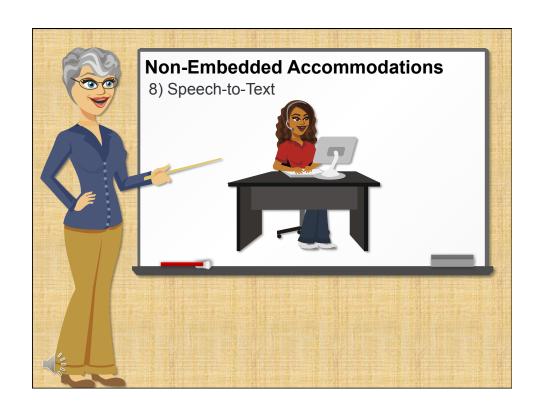


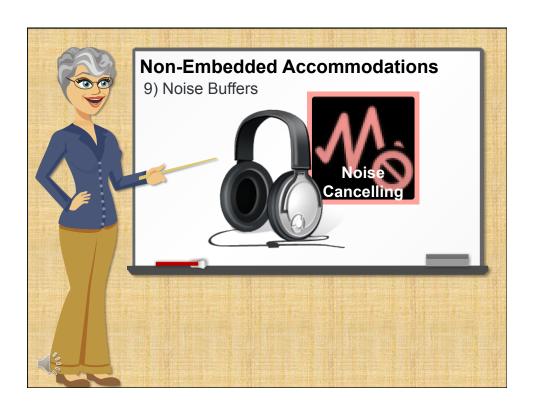












Resources

- Resources and Comparison Crosswalk
 Implementation Guide
 - Updated list of Frequently Asked Questions about the *Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines*

can be found at the **Smarter Balanced** website

